


# Facts About Rhode Island Libraries

- ◆ Every community has a public library.
  - ◆ Libraries offer books, magazines, newspapers, movies, music, computers, and programs for people of all ages.
  - ◆ One out of two Rhode Islanders has a public library card.
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- The logo for CLAN (Cooperating Libraries Automated Network) is a blue square with the word 'CLAN' in white, stylized letters. Below it, in smaller text, is 'Cooperating Libraries Automated Network'.
- ◆ The public library is the place Rhode Islanders go to connect to the Internet when they have no access at home.
  - ◆ You can learn to type, get an email account, surf the Web, prepare a resume, and do much more at your library.
  - ◆ Librarians will help you find reliable health information.
  - ◆ Rhode Island's school library media centers teach students how to do research, evaluate information, and develop a love for reading.
  - ◆ 12 academic libraries in Rhode Island provide access to over 5 million books and other materials.
  - ◆ Academic and hospital libraries support research and teaching that foster economic growth.
  - ◆ Over 170 libraries cooperate to share information and resources for all users in Rhode Island through a statewide library network called the Library of Rhode Island.
  - ◆ You can borrow materials from all types of libraries, including those at colleges and universities, schools, and hospitals. For more information ask your librarian.

## The Rhode Island Office of Library and Information Services supports:

- Summer reading programs
- Mother Goose science and literacy programs
- Rhode Island Children's Book Award
- Rhode Island Teen Book Award
- Talking Books Plus – The regional library for the blind and physically handicapped
- Reference and information services to state agencies
- L-TV – an award winning cable television program that examines library services, programs and issues
- Half the cost of public library construction    \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$



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# DID YOU KNOW. .

## Can't find the book you need?

Check out these online catalogs for more information.

Public Libraries – Cooperating Libraries Automated Network (CLAN)

College, University, and Hospital Libraries – Higher Education Library Information Network (HELIN)

School Libraries – R.I. Library Information Network for Kids (RILINK)



## How can you support libraries?

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Rhode Island Libraries on the Web